#### LOCAL SKILLS REPORT AND SKILLS ACTION PLAN 2022



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# **EM3 SKILLS STRENGTHS**



Almost one in five jobs in EM3 are high-skilled



4 in 10 EM3 resident workers have a degree or above



EM3 employment rate is high at around 80%



Large numbers of vacancies and a shortage of applicants



Persistent vacancies in many sectors including Health, Social Care and Sales



Apprenticeship starts dropped by more than a quarter 2018-21



Young people continue to overlook apprenticeships from GCSE onwards

**APPRENTICESHIPS** 



Basingstoke, Aldershot and Spelthorne are the lowest EM3 areas for young people going to university



**DIVERSITY & EQUALI** 

More than a third of the EM3 female resident workforce are in caring and clerical occupations compared to 8% of men



15% of EM3 residents aged 16-64 in employment reported a disability - less than regionally (17%) and nationally (16%)



16% of men are in corporate manager / director roles, compared to 8% of women



The resident working age population of the EM3 area is 'more white' (90%) than the region (89%) and nationally (83%).

White employees are slightly over-represented in the EM3 workforce (92%) compared to the working age population.

This slight over-representation of white employees is also the case in the region and the nation.





### Enterprise M3 Economy, Labour Market and Skills Dashboard

EM3 SAP and EM3 Board Meetings – September 2022



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# HEADLINES

- Rapidly rising energy costs remain a threat to small businesses in Enterprise M3.
- Domestic drivers of UK Inflation beginning to replace the global factors.
- (Mild) UK wide recession looking inevitable.
- Cost of living crisis less severe in EM3 but without investment, economic growth will suffer.
- The labour market in Enterprise M3 continues to defy expectations.

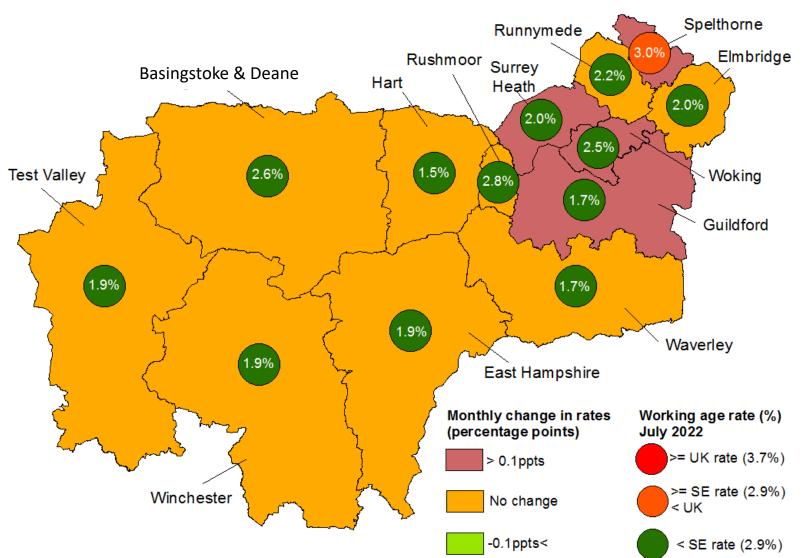
### ENTERPRISE M3'S UNEMPLOYED CLAIMANT RATE UNCHANGED JULY 2022

Shaded Districts areas:

- Green = decrease in working age rates between June-July
- Orange = no change in working age rates between June-July.
- Pink = increase in working age rates between June-July.

**Coloured Circles:** 

- Green = July rate below UK and South East rates.
- Orange = July rate above South East rate but below UK rate.
- Red July rate above UK rate (no red circles in EM3 area)

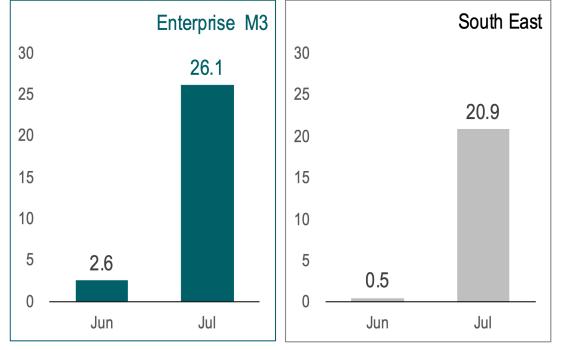


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### THE TIGHT LABOUR MARKET IN ENTERPRISE M3 CONTINUES DESPITE WEAKER ECONOMY

- Timely data suggests that July saw exceptionally sharp uptick in online vacancies.
- Labour demand in Enterprise M3 in July stronger than in the South East.
- The overall picture confounded by seasonal factors > demand to ease sharply in Aug/Sep.
- A UK-wide recession is probably just round the corner.

#### % change in online job postings (June to July 2022)



Source: Lightcast (2022), all job postings

• Recession may not be accompanied by a sharp increase in unemployment or a sharp decrease in vacancies.

# **ONLINE JOB POSTINGS ANALYTICS\***

### **Top companies posting:**

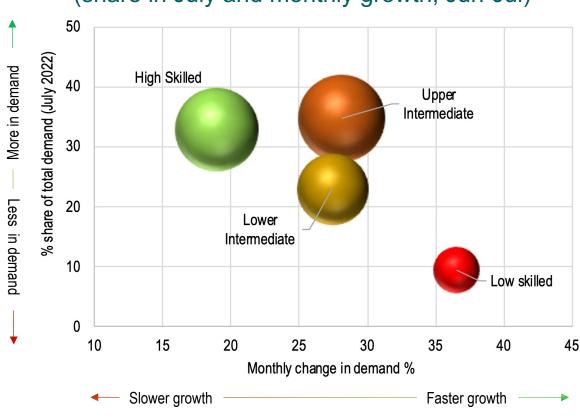
- 1. NHS
- 2. Hampshire County Council
- 3. Surrey County Council
- 4. University of Surrey
- 5. BP
- 6. Bupa
- 7. Samsung
- 8. Tesco
- 9. Whitbread
- 10.BAE Systems

### Top posted occupations:

- 1. Care workers and home carers
- 2. Nurses
- 3. Other Administrative Occupations n.e.c.
- 4. Sales Related Occupations n.e.c.
- 5. Customer Service Occupations n.e.c.
- 6. Programmers & Software Dev. Professionals
- 7. Kitchen and Catering Assistants
- 8. Chefs
- 9. Managers and Proprietors in Other Services n.e.c.
- **10.**Marketing and Sales Directors

### PERSISTENT DEMAND FOR HIGH AND UPPER-INTERMEDIATE SKILLS

- Over two thirds (68%) of July's labour demand in Enterprise M3 in high-skilled and upper intermediate-skilled – equating to 40,700 vacancies. Of which:
  - One third in high-skilled occupations (19,700 vacancies), and...
  - just over one third (35%) in upperintermediate occupations (21,000 vacancies)
- Low-skilled jobs have less overall demand (nearly one in 10 vacancies) but fastest monthly growth rate (+37%), in part driven by seasonal factors.
- Top job postings in July: care worker & home care workers (4%).
- Top specialisation mentioned is finance (5%).



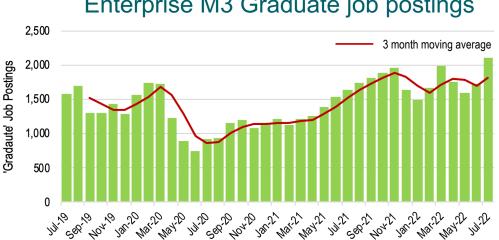
Labour Demand by Broad Skills Group (share in July and monthly growth, Jun-Jul)

#### Source: Lightcast (2022)

Circle sizes are relative to the number of job postings (vacancies)

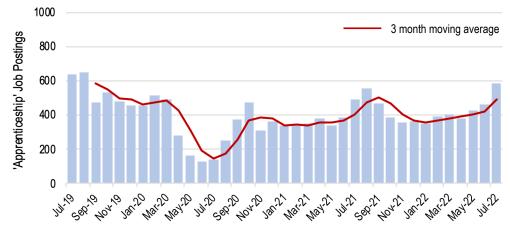
#### GRADUATE JOBS BOUNCE BACK BUT SLOWER RECOVERY FOR APPRENTICESHIPS IN ENTERPRISE M3

- Following pandemic slump EM3 graduate job • postings<sup>1</sup> remain elevated and well above prepandemic levels.
- Top graduate job postings in health, IT, education, ٠ and engineering.
- Apprenticeship<sup>2</sup> job postings EM3 in slower ٠ recovery than graduates, possibly as hybrid working patterns present challenges for in-work placements.
- apprenticeship job postings in hospitality, lop ٠ engineering, and business services (HR/marketing).



#### Enterprise M3 Graduate job postings





Source: Lightcast

1 Graduate job postings — postings in which the word "graduate" appears in the job title.

2 Apprenticeship – postings with 'apprenticeship only' appears in the job title.